Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, The allure of precious freedom and opportunity brought pioneering settlers to the area now known as the community of Bison in Perkins County; and,

Whereas, The first settlement of the town of Bison was made on May 2, 1907, and the first post office was established on October 12, 1907; and,

Whereas, Bison was officially designated a town in 1908, the land was platted in 1909, and Bison became the county seat of Perkins County; and,

Whereas, The first settlers were Mrs. Ann Carr, her sons, George and Roy, and Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Coleman from Flandreau, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Progress and pioneer spirit has lent itself to the development of a friendly and family-oriented community; and,

Whereas, The residents of Bison, businesses, neighbors, friends, and family from near and far will join to commemorate and celebrate the community's 100th anniversary:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim June 19-22, 2008 as

BISON CENTENNIAL GALA DAYS

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Second Day of May in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Eight.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State